

**Nominations for Elder, Deacon and 2025 Nominating Committee  
January 5, 2025**

**Elders**

Jennie Atchison (Class of 2027)  
Jim Ballengee (Class of 2025)  
Matt Covalle (Class of 2027)  
Sandra Danner (Class of 2026)  
Jessica Johnson (Class of 2027)  
Kristen Lynch (Class of 2026)  
Will Park (Class 2025)  
Rosalyn Robinson (Class of 2025)

**Deacons**

Rosetta Chapman (Class of 2027)  
Patricia Covington (Class of 2027)

**2025 Nominating Committee**

Lawyer Chapman (Class of 2025)  
Janine Dunlap-Kiah  
Jessica Johnson (Class of 2025)  
Kim Pearson (Class of 2026)

**Continuing Elder**

Lawyer Chapman (Class of 2026)

**Continuing Deacons**

Daria DiCicco (Class of 2026)  
Christine Greco (Class of 2025)  
Cassie McKinley (Class of 2025)

## Elder Nominees



**Jennifer (Jennie) Atchison's** spiritual home has been at Arch Street Presbyterian Church since 2009. Dr. Atchison has prayed, sung, grieved, and celebrated with this congregation. She attended church during the first sermon Bill Golderer preached where he laid out a vision for Arch Street Presbyterian Church. She also celebrated Carla Jones Brown's historic installation. She has been a deacon since 2022 and is a part of the music ministry. She believes that Arch Street can be the people God intended and that the work is meaningful. In a world that seems to make less sense every day, the church can be a place of peace and grace. We must work hard for that though; we must dream and believe that there is a better way to be in the world through Christ.



**James (Jim) Ballengee** has been a member of Arch Street since 2011 and was in the first class of elders as the church grew again. He has served two terms on session, the Mission and Outreach Committee and numerous other roles at the church. In addition, he has participated in leadership as moderator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia this year and previously as moderator of the Commission on Ministry for the three previous years. Outside of the church, Jim has been involved with one of the church's mission partners, St. James School, since their founding and is a board member of The Christopher Ludwick Foundation. He is a retired educator living in Chestnut Hill with 3 adult daughters and 2 grandchildren.



**Matthew (Matt) Covalle** has been married for 24 years to Whitney, and they have two children: Reese and Charlie who participates on the worship team. Matt grew up in Michigan, He and his wife have split their time since 2001 between Chicago and Philly. They live in Center City and can walk to church. Matt is an actuary by profession, and his role focuses on financial projections. He became a Christian in 1994, became very involved in his church and Campus Crusade during college, worked for a few years after undergrad, and then attained a Master of Arts in Religion from Westminster Theological Seminary in Glenside. His faith has had ups and downs over the last 20 years, but he recognizes his sin, acknowledges his need for forgiveness, and has no other hope than Jesus, who is sufficient. He is optimistic that his gifts may compliment those of the other members of session and the church. He would rather be associated with and advocate for Jesus' church here at ARCH than not.



**Sandra L. Danner** moved to Center City from Delaware County, PA 11 years ago when she accepted a Safety Manager position with the City of Philadelphia. She transferred her membership from Thomas M. Thomas Memorial Presbyterian Church to Arch Street in 2022. She retired from the City in October 2023. She was ordained an elder at Thomas M. Thomas and as a Presbyterian Deacon when she lived in Pittsburgh, PA (Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church). She has been an active member of Presbyterian Churches for most of her adult life (she was a Baptist for 7 years in California). In her early years, she worked with many youth groups and afterschool programs at church. She also participated in Presbyterian Woman groups at church, attended monthly Presbytery meetings, was a part of a grant writing team, Nominating Committees, and Pastoral Search Committees.

**Jessica Johnson** has been a member at ASPC since 2018. She has served as an elder since 2021.



**Kristen Lynch** grew up in northern Jersey, but then did a circle around the country living in Boston, San Francisco and Dallas (yes, her kids are Cowboy fans) before returning to the area 15 years ago to take a faculty position at the University of Penn. Until 2020, she lived exclusively in Bucks County where she raised her kids (now 21 and 26) and was a member and elder of Newtown Presbyterian Church. Once her youngest left for college, she moved to Philly to avoid the long commute and has been shifting more and more of her life from the suburbs to the city ever since. She found ASPC in the summer of 2020, at the height of Zoom church, looking for a church home that better represented my understanding of God's calling on us as Christians. I have been humbled by the wisdom I have found among the ASPC family and am deeply honored by the opportunity to serve and give back to this community a portion of what I have received.

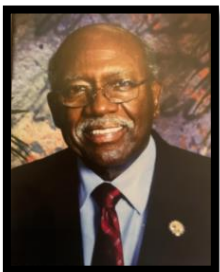


**Willner (Will) Park** previously served ASPC as treasurer and elder, from 2015-2018, and is looking forward to serving Arch Street again in this time of transition and rebirth. Will and his wife, Anne, are both retired. They moved to Center City in 2022 after living for 45 years in the Philly suburbs. They have one son, Nathan, who is in the Foreign Service. He is married with four boys, ages 15, 13, and twins age 7. They are currently stationed overseas but will be moving to the Washington DC area this summer.



**Rosalyn K. Robinson** spent her formative years in Conshohocken, PA, having graduated from Conshohocken High School and having been baptized in St. Paul's Baptist Church. She has lived in Philadelphia since 1973 and currently resides in Center City. She is a retired Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas judge. Rosalyn is married to Warren B. English. She is a trustee emerita of her undergraduate college, Dickinson College; she is a member of the Arden Theater's Board and also belongs to three women's clubs.

## Continuing Elder



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## Deacon Nominees



**Rosetta English Chapman** is the daughter of the late Rev. Edward English, who was her shining example of how to be a Christian and live a Christian life. Rosetta is a wife, a mother of three wonderful children (“my greatest accomplishment”) and a grandmother to four exceptional grandchildren. Rosetta is retired and spends her spare time exercising, traveling, singing, and enjoys entertaining family and friends. She loves the Lord and will enjoy serving as a deacon. Rosetta feels fortunate to be a member of Arch Street Presbyterian Church and hopes to continue to be a blessing to others through the deacon’s prayer ministry.



**Patricia (Pat) Covington** is native of the city of Philadelphia. She grew up in a home filled with love and music. She is a proud mother of two, grandmother of two and great grandmother of six. Pat is retired from Independence Blue Cross. She enjoys the theater, shopping, dancing and singing with the ASPC Choir. She has been worshipping at ASPC for thirteen years and is blessed by the warm, loving congregation. Pat is honored to be nominated to continue to serve as a deacon.

## Continuing Deacons



**Daria DiCicco**, originally from Philadelphia, now lives with her husband, Tom, and their two daughters, Sophia and Juliana, in South Jersey. Daria has a musical background and actively performs when she is able to break away from her role at work. "Music is my expression of faith and prayer... and I'm so blessed to have found this church and am honored to be in service".

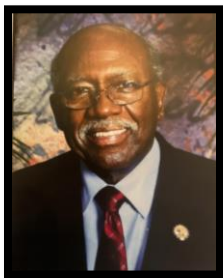


**Christine Greco** first found Arch Street Presbyterian Church when planning her wedding 8 years ago. She and her husband, Lenny, instantly fell in love with the community and became members shortly after their marriage in the church. ASPC is so special to them that even after moving to Huntingdon Valley, she and Lenny continue to attend with their two children, Anthony and Felicia.



**Cassandra (Cassie) McKinley** is the granddaughter of a Presbyterian minister and grew up attending Union Hill Presbyterian Church in Morris County, New Jersey. Cassie and her husband, Cameron McKinley, joined Arch Street in January 2017. She values the Arch Street community and its call to love justly. She looks forward to the opportunity to serve, pray, and love the Arch Street congregation in her role as deacon. Cassie works at the Office of Government and Community Affairs at the University of Pennsylvania.

## 2025 Nominating Committee Nominees



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**Janine Dunlap-Kiah** has been a member of ASPC since July 2010. She is a music ministry leader and has two young boys, René and Jacques. Janine found her way to Arch Street due to the welcoming nature of everyone. Therefore, she is very blessed to be able to say she and her amazing wife, April Dunlap-Kiah, were married at Arch Street in October 2018. She is excited to give back to this community which has supported her family through many important transitions.

**Jessica Johnson** has been a member at ASPC since 2018. She has served as an elder since 2021.



**Kim Pearson** received Christ as her personal savior at the age of 19 and has been committed to understanding and heeding the call of the Holy Spirit in word and deed ever since. She has been a member of ASPC since 2013 and was ordained as an elder in 2014. In her work, she seeks to tell stories that help us understand our connections to each other. In recent years, she has focused on developing teaching strategies for bringing people from underrepresented backgrounds into computing and interactive media. Kim is excited and grateful about the possibility of serving ASPC as a member of the Nominating Committee.